

Santa Anita Opening Day

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Race 1 | Turf | 8 Furlongs | \$20k AOC

#1 Billy's Bet

Owns the attributes to flee the rail here and be first flight placed with plenty of sprint experience and a strong 71/75h out of the route try.

#2 Moogie Son

Would have liked to see some developmental trajectory through the tapeta campaign but it was a dull couple months of settling for minor awards instead. 59h/71h PLOW at this trip back in summer.

#3 Bravestone

Some solid tries here and there speckled through running lines but nothing consistent. At least he figures to offer some odds if you want to play him based on a representative paceline you find that fits here. Keep in mind, however, those who play that way are often pulling "ability figures" from cycles that may not match today's current condition at all. I don't like the LRC dirt form was 71h/70 in July but 67h/67 recently as that regression could easily spill over to his turf ability.

#4 Nolongerahobby

0 for 7 on the year but just 1 turf try that rated a respectable 68/75h. Might be usable underneath for exotics players trying to get a bomb in there.

#5 Bigofromfresno

Went the opposite way of what you typically see of a PLOW runner being forward-spent to a 75/71. Seems uncharacteristic after a COMP debut on dirt followed by contentious 71h/76h and 70h/74 figures. Can easily get back on track today but that's typically the look you give an upset shot, not yielding favoritism.

#6 Tom And Jazzy

Improved form for new barn and should be a threat for minors again but needs a step forward off the 64/73h for more than that.

#7 Fore Flag

Been right there several times but up short more often than not. New training regimens (first out with new trainer) can often spike peaks so not out of the question he could surprise although I prefer he drift into double-digits first before I seriously consider.

#8 Barely Functional

Gets a distance test but has the compression available as a sprinter that would lead me to believe added ground might be a positive. Probably needs a favorable set-up from others and that might be harder to get out of milers than sprinters. Worth a look if off at the 10/1.

#9 Luka Grazie

Has been more forwardly-spent on turf spread with blinkers so they'll try going back without today. One of many with some shot in here if ready to roll personal best.

Race 2 | Dirt | 6 Furlongs | \$65k MSW 2yo

#1 Malibu Rocks

Puype's first timers have pretty consistently ran to their odds cashing when shorter and flopping when longshots so market support might give you a hint on this one's chances.

#3 Colorado Cruiser

Still figuring out the energy distribution part of racing geared up through 3 tries on forward spent lines of 80/67h NEG to 77h/69 to 85h/68 NPT (which we pull the 4F/6F Figures from the route try). Winner of all three of his races went graded stakes placed next out. Checks a lot of boxes here for me as a minor upset shot. Has the potential to make the lead which is a certain threat in any maiden event, but even without, sports a ton of sustainable pace and if today's field's pace is a "breather" compared to previous spins, there's room available for him to make big strides in late speed.

#4 Tessuto

Both half-siblings have been on turf and synthetic so wonder if this one is meant to follow suit and today's main track debut is more of an educational spin than a well-meant spot. Very low strike rate for inexperienced runners from this barn.

#5 New King

The \$700k price is all on the back of the sire as the dam didn't produce with her first 2 foals. Long workout tab riddled with bullets catches the eye to many but is a norm for this barn's training. A glance through Baffert's winning debut runners seems to lean more toward liking those more professional with their energy putting up more modest times. If he's pressing runners to put up bullets and doing lots of gate works, I'm not sure it's a positive. Might be an underlay here on one that needs some racing.

#6 Urban Legend

Forward-spent 83/69 NEG on debut tightened up a bit to 77/69 second out but still succumbed in stretch to more compressed runners despite a rail-skimming trip. \$1.3 million purchase goes back to blinkers and gets Irad today but failed 3/5 shot in last again faces rival that outworked him by a mile in that race. Prefer to try elsewhere but will be worth a second look if he happens to get lost on the board for some reason 5/1+.

#7 Mongolian Champ

Might require some racing with limited work tab for debut, and this is a more optimistic starting level than where this trainer/owner combo typically has any success at.

Race 2 Wagers

3 to Win

Exacta Box **3** **6** if probables appear enticing

Race 3 | Turf | 9 Furlongs | \$200k GII San Gabriel S.

#1 Eastern Ocean

Given a stamina test for new barn and now cuts back closer to previous distance. Much better 2023 campaign than the 5-year-old season so current condition appears solid. Hurting my support for him is the lack of double-digit turf spreads compared to field meaning could have a tough time when the real race starts at the top of the stretch.

#2 Easter (FR)

ML Favorite isn't the smoothest of starters but gets the job done his fair share of the time carried by large double-digit turf spreads around this 9-panel distance. Short field but the threat still looms of others in here capable of getting the jump if Easter's affinity for lagging early proves too much to overcome this time. Plenty beatable if short price but will be very tough to keep off the board making a pool like the trifecta unappealing.

#3 War At Sea

Solid cycle coming into this spot with turf spreads at a mile of +2 to +9 to +14 and now with an intervening SOFT win going long on tapeta, this one should be primed for the perfect spot of 9F on grass. Requires some improvement to match the potential of rivals but trajectory says giving us that improvement is high chance.

#4 Missed The Cut

Note he was a winner at this distance at the prestigious Ascot before coming stateside where they've mainly eyed the main track including a good-looking COMP*/NPT combo to kick things off. Cross a line through the optimistic BC Classic try and everything else this one's done points toward success today. Don't know if he'll be 5/1 but looks like a Win Bet if he is. If bet down, we'll just root on the exacta box with the 2 runners we see as standouts in here in terms of spiking potential ceilings today.

#5 Tio Magico

Others are capable of pushing the issue as well, but this one most consistently puts up 4F/6F lines that could put him looking to sling-shot the turn and have first jump on the field. Facing tougher than used to here though so I'd want odds floating up some off this 3/1 ML. Even if he is able to snag a forward position to steal, I wouldn't count on this field letting him just walk so he'll need a brave effort here.

#6 Astronaut

Condition a bit shaky at 6 years old as he's mostly preferred the longer routes featuring softer fractions with the only win since '21 coming when allowed to walk on the lead. Imagine he'll need just the right race flow and handling here to come out on top and think 4/1 ML is pretty optimistic.

Race 3 Wagers:

Exacta Box **3** **4**

Race 4 | Dirt | 7 Furlongs | \$65k MSW 3-5yo

#1 Mongolian Altai

Triggered a COMP debut as a positive, but obviously didn't come out of that race well having to lay-off a year+ after the comeback morning work. Has been eased back into the mornings galloping just 2F and working up to 5F. Just watching one here unless a glowing clocker report pops up on him.

#2 Uncle Reg

He's seen many different ovals as well as all surfaces but still no dice on the maiden breaker. While it's not real encouraging to try every configuration and have none of them work, still must respect the early speed of local try last year. If the recent turf spins put some stamina and energy distributions schooling into him, then any resulting "tightening" of those 86/68h and 83/73 running lines from the previous dirt sprints makes him very dangerous from the start today.

#3 Cavendish

76h/67h NEG debut here. NEGs (especially in the 7 to 10 point spread range) typically get beaten 2nd out by more compressed runners, and this field looks to have a good amount of that. Furthermore, even if the race doesn't set up well for compression, there are also better forward threats as well. I'll note that there is a possible threat the NEG debut was biased by a dull effort considering he had no win chances in stretch, but for our intents and purposes, we'll have to just toss this one with plenty of others in here to back on positive merits rather than defensive ones.

#4 Hey Brother

69h/70h COMP* debut then popped 84/79 DTOP at LRC. Inexperienced but with good energy distribution makes breaking through the DTOP likely. Feeling good and they reel him back in 17 days here still tight.

#5 Judge Miller

Standout form cycle pattern here off COMP* noting this is when a runner not only triggers COMP on debut but also REV at the same time. I can understand the favoritism as the race may set up well for him with hot fractions and the long backstretch to work into favorable position to pounce is a plus.

#6 Vegas Burner

Flashed 82h PLUN speed kicking off career then switched to turfing for a while. The turf spreads have really been tightening up over the campaign and we could see some surface switch shock here as he looks to flash that early speed again but with improved late rations this time. Another steal candidate with the #2.

#7 Sneaking Candy

Well-bred but appears entered tough for debut. We have both worthy contenders for early speed and late speed in here so whatever race flow benefits him, he likely wouldn't inherit a lone advantage. Will just watch one here.

Race 4 Wagers

#2 and #6 both threats to steal the race and likely be a win bet on one of them after seeing the post parade and odds offered. Early lean would be more toward #2 Uncle Reg. #5 Judge Miller is set up very well with today's draw and even with the shorter odds projected, I'd find it hard to leave him out of horizontals.

Race 5 | Downhill Turf | 10 Furlongs | \$300k GI American Oaks

#1 Khinjani (GB) SCR

Would think there's some expectations as they'll go right to Grade I competition on the overseas ship. Coming out of Great Britain where nothing's flat, should be plenty equipped to handle the nuance of the hillside course. However, when you have American speed starting downhill and galloping off, I really prefer to see Euros that have been more prominent coming in, unlike this one recently whose race notes contain "in rear" three straight. Could be a lot to do here late?

#2 Anisette (GB)

Quick and durable juvenile campaign in Britain then took to stateside turf well moving up the ranks with three straight wins. Although the Final Figure regressed when stretching out to today's classic distance, it triggered a PLOW which is a positive sign for future success on a turfer. Expect some improvement as far as 10F ability today off the "on-par" mile effort in last.

#3 Grace Period (FR) SCR

Positive trajectory two deep in the stateside campaign off a PLOW while also prompting big move in turf spread at +2h to +12. Final Figures a bit lacking but reward offered should be up there to match the improvement we'd be asking if this stretch-out ends up a plus for runner on the right path. Could be a juicy inclusion for trifecta players.

#4 Elounda Queen (IRE)

Entered very tough in couple starts this side of the pond and the 73h/78 at a mile in last suggests she could have the ability to settle into a more forward spot than she's typically accustomed to here...if she wants? Her last 3 wins came on good-soft ground and today is a distance test so there are some obstacles. If she resides to her typical back of the pack style, I think she'll have a tough time accelerating on these rivals given the softer fractions of going longer plus starting downhill. If I knew the rider was planning on being more aggressive and getting her to try new tactics, I'd be very interested in this one. Without insider testimony that angle could be live, I'll just have to relegate her an outsider.

#5 Sakura Flavor (IRE)

This about as optimistic as it gets. Needed to hop over to Tapeta to find first win after 8 failed turf spins, and now thrust into this spot, a 30/1 ML almost seems generous. That said, with a massive amount of improvement needed, at least she sports a COMP*/PLOW combo. Excellent form cycle pattern combo here for a runner needing to peak hard going long on turf. If you can throw on some tickets for minimal investment, sure why not.

#6 Be Your Best (IRE)

Has come into her own nicely as a sophomore but just can't seem to make her way to a favorable trip, something rival Anisette has excelled at. Has the ability to flip the stables and snag a win one of these days but until she shows me she can gain an advantage by passing through traffic instead of outside, I'm not elated with 7/2 odds here. Think she could catch up with the right trip, but on the flipside, Anisette isn't going backwards to help out.

#7 Musical Mischief

Runner prompted a massive peak on main track in last off the preceding REV seemingly "waking up" after a sketchy forward-spent start to career. Interesting that on the day of the blowout victory, runner was meant for turf but it was moved off. I have to think this one demands a lot of support and anything floating above this 3/1 ML is probably a must bet proposition.

Race 5 Wagers

7 to Win at 3/1 or better and can also key exotics on top of some shots.

Race 6 | Dirt | 8.5 Furlongs | \$200k Grade II San Antonio S.

#1 Stilleto Boy

Contender based on potential to run to back running lines but where do you draw the line on odds that'll happen. He's half a year removed from sound form after two non-efforts and could be any horse here on return. Inclined to just watch one unless post parade is impressive.

#2 Salesman (IRE) SCR

Nice earner campaigning on French turf and synthetic but found himself unable to accelerate on American grass with the overseas ship. Has found some quick success with a switch to the main track prompting a COMP* first try before a romping stakes win going much longer in last. Should be a certain threat in the lane here if the pace starts backing up late.

#3 Brickyard Ride

Speedy E8 type has obvious tactics here looking to wire 'em but best days might be in rear view mirror. Dirt figures are heavily forward-spent compared to when he was winning and turf figures are regressed as well from previous form. In a spot where he needs to start experimenting to find some improvement, he'll try blinkers off here but I'm skeptical that's a helpful move.

#4 Newgrange

On the positive, he prompted a big 85/74 NPT 2-back and typically when conditioning like that is followed by a dud like last, runners become quickly eligible for a bet-back and big effort. On the negative, possibly worth noting his 2 best running lines in sheet came the 2 times he was allowed Lasix.

#5 Subsanador (ARG)

Habitual winner invades from South America off a serious and visually appealing work tab and subsequently given a serious morning line.

#6 Mixto

Didn't cash a lot of checks in that late juvenile campaign, but all those positive form cycle patterns triggered served as conditioning to lay a strong foundation for the future. Has good trajectory here off the 73/74 maiden-breaker and while it's a tough spot to face winners for the first time, they typically don't garner much support and make for good overall bets paying out overlays when they do hit. One to watch as a possible double-digit proposition.

Race 6 Wagers

In a small field featuring question marks across most contenders, 9/5 to **Win** would actually be good value banking on **#5 Subsanador** to be the real deal here.

Exacta Box **5 6**

Race 7 | Downhill Turf | 6.5 Furlongs | \$67k Alw

#1 Living Life

Passed a lot of rivals between last couple tries and has potential in here setting down off the 65/74 route. Prefer double-digits as late runner will likely have to avoid bad luck working through traffic from this buried post.

#2 Manitowish

Definition of consistency hitting the board 14 of last 15 and I do like main trackers with some tactical speed switching to a try on less stressful grass. Only knock would be a traditional oval offers less obstacles than throwing the nuanced downhill course at a runner unfamiliar with it. Value Plays marks this one as Top Value based on 12/1 ML so if those odds hold, I'm game to follow the algorithm here.

#3 Minister Shane

DTOPs are typically used to signal possible regression mainly as a point of them being the culmination of a campaign that now requires a break. However, in this spot, we get the DTOP prompted off a long break which instead can often signal new and exciting form for the new coming cycle. Already a winner on the downhill so this one looks enticing in this spot as well.

#4 Beef Winslow

Cue up another contender with positive trajectory for this try as runner popped first double-digit turf spread in some time while matching his top Final Figure range with a recent PLOW win as well to add to the allure. I find that milers do often have success being set down in this particular sprint configuration.

#5 Hawker

Struggled to accelerate on winners sprinting with -8 range turf spreads after finding a weak enough field to break maiden at just 58h/64. Eligible to improve off the PLOW which put some good stuff into horse and now gets back to sprinting but I'm not sold that single-digit odds would match the risk/reward for amount of improvement I think he needs to show us here.

#6 King Apollo

Been working himself up and down the turf sprint distances and finding places a plenty but wins tough to come by as he seems to have an affinity for either finding or making his own trouble enough to hold him back from the winner's circle. Ability is there with some competitive running lines for this spin speckled throughout career but tough one to trust for me on intangibles. Possible defensive use on a horizontal ticket if there's strong opinions in connecting races but beyond that, I'm looking to beat unless he somehow gets lost on the board prompting a second look.

#7 Book Smart

Been on a roll wiring fields 4 straight and appears a current threat to control any distance sprint on either surface. So what better way to throw a runner like that off than to randomly try the downhill? I don't like this move at all and am definitely looking to beat the ML favorite in this one.

#8 Neon Lights (IRE)

Found a spot to steal the maiden win in last but all running lines across the different configurations require massive upgrade to compete with today's step up.

#9 Dr. Soulfire

Finally crossed over to positive turf spreads last couple with the maiden breaker and a respectable 62/73 routing. On the right track but the support Irad garners at the windows likely makes him an underlay compared to the improvement his Figures need to contend with winners.

#10 Catalina Eddy

Broke maiden locally at the distance (not this downhill course) and remained perfect on turf with the +14 turf spread at a mile. The only other miler that's flashed +14 turf spread acceleration is today's 2nd choice on the ML. I'd be shocked if he's actually one of the longest odds-takers in the field (15/1 ML) but we'll keep an eye on this one for sure.

Race 7 Wagers

Sometimes you'll get the right race flow where a group of contenders go on to score as a herd:

Exacta or Trifecta Box

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Superfecta Box

2	3	4	6	10
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 to Win if Longshot

Race 8 | Dirt | 7 Furlongs | \$300k Grade I Malibu S.

#1 Giant Mischief

With a COMP/REV foundation and the double NPTs, thought runner should have been in a spot to prompt a better effort. Don't get me wrong, 78h/77 is a nice compressed and tactical line but with his prior conditioning, there was an opportunity there to explode and it didn't quite come to fruition. A good set-up lingers possible in this field although I do fear he may be operating near a personal ceiling currently.

#2 Fort Bragg

Happy to get back to a dry track in last and perhaps some class relief as well when sprinting more compressed than previously to an easy but professional 80h/78h. Think he drew well here for return to graded stakes company.

#3 Speed Boat Beach

Natural speedster never below an 82 4F Figure when sprinting returns to winning rider 2 of his 3. Lasted as long as he could against monsters in the BC Sprint and you'd figure he'd find a spot out of that better suited for his style, but today's pace doesn't look all that easier with half the field winging in off 80+ 4F Figures.

#4 Sharp Aza Tack

Turfer makes main track debut in quite the spot. Both turf wins came gate to wire but while speed on dirt very often translates to speed on turf, vice versa shouldn't be counted on. Best bet might be to hang back and hope race falls apart in front of you but I'm not holding my breath.

#5 Damon's Mound

Tought one to gauge here. Out of the Saratoga win in Aug '22 his path veered away from the original plan the connections had put out for him after a weak showing in the Iriquois. Didn't find success until catching a string of wet tracks then posted a dud first time back on dry land. Runner has potential but current condition a bit concealed and don't know single digits is a good proposition here as he also invades into a spot that might feature a tough race flow for his style.

~~#6 Matanzas Creek~~ SCR

Weakened on debut when prompted for pace at 83h/70h NEG then gave us a big turnaround when the field let him breathe easier on a 74/74 REV. On this big hike up the ladder, he'll revert back to seeing the hot 80+ pace. Probably don't know enough about this lightly-raced runner yet to figure if he can settle back and try to run on later, but we probably know enough he likely can't hang with the front end if that's where he tries to get to early. Would be quite surprised to see May foal that sold at a loss take a Grade I in third start.

#7 Hejazi

83/75 off the break a weaker running line than others but who knows how much those Figures were softened as runner was just out for a paid gallop in that one. Appears a tough one to fade here holding the look of a runner possibly under wraps for current potential after given the easy campaign debut.

#8 Raise Cain

79/76 NPT prompted on the cut-back to one turn. Figures to be stalking from the outside draw and hopes to be pouncing on a pace where no one gets out of range. A must use in the horizontals but tough prop in the win pool without decent odds since he can't just take this race for himself, but instead needing others to do their part as well.

Race 8 Wagers

Exacta or Trifecta Box **2** **7** **8**

Race 9 | Turf | 8 Furlongs | \$200k Grade II Santa Anita Mathis S.

#1 Reiquist SCR

Seemed to be on the upward trend when developing turf spreads quick from -4 to +2 to +7 with a PLOW when catching the super at 73/1 but followed it all up with a dud in last looking like he was barely moving when everyone else turned on the burners for the stretch run. Sure, could get back on track today with some odds but buried on the rail might not be the best spot as watching a few races didn't seem like he enjoyed drafting behind cover much.

#2 Panic Alarm (IRE)

Not a bad string to start stateside career exiting a +14 turf spread PLOW. Lowest 4F Figures of field so there will be some work to do going shorter than previously but he's plenty in with a shot here if he can keep within range when the field pushes off the top of the stretch.

#3 Calm Sea

Needs a pretty solid uptick here to figure off the 73/74 that needs a lot more turf spread and Final Figure to contend with these. The PLOW with big turf spread only came when maidens allowed him to walk on the front end.

#4 Almendares (GB)

This one did much more than others did with their PLOW designations blasting off to a 69/80h score in last cementing him plenty logical to have received that 2/1 ML designation.

#5 Ah Jeez

Long time, no win for this longshot who doesn't really sport a winning running line for today's race in the foundation.

#6 Dandy Man Shines (IRE)

New ability flashed for late sophomore season when laid off 8 months then suddenly a back-to-back winner. Wonder about 5/2 ML being a bit short though considering each rival beaten in those two spins hit the board behind him and they are today's two longest shots. The way he did it too off 73h/78h and 70/76 are not stand-outs here as other rivals can prompt those higher 4F Figures while finishing just as good on Final Figure while on the flipside other rivals also have much bigger turf spreads and should be able to easily outrun him in stretch if all is fair. Looks like a big underlay at this price to me.

#7 Watsonville

2 of last 3 spins have the look of "steal" type running lines owning a 77h/78h and 83/80 going longer. Prefer the turf spreads of the #2 and #4 here on a fundamental turf racing basis for consideration of win bets, but this one isn't the type of runner I would leave out of multi-race bets.

Race 9 Wagers

2 to Win at 6/1+

4 to Win 2/1+

Exacta or Trifecta Box **2** **4** **7**

Race 10 | Dirt | 7 Furlongs | \$300k Grade I La Brea S.

#1 ~~Blessed Touch~~ SCR

Could be any horse here well laid off but they like her enough to try prominent spot at least. Back ability in the 80/70 range seems to resemble the average ability of this field. Not the worst 20/1 shot but likely wait and see here as the work tab hasn't been touted as anything special.

#2 Daddysrubby

Big shot at contention here off the 80/73h which featured a hand ride. Have to think many will like her here with a chance to control the race from the 2-hole and would be surprised to see 4/1.

#3 Howl

Would have been an easy COMP debut if she needed to try and off the SOFT spin against winners, plenty of ceiling could be here. Invading without a local work maybe not ideal for a lightly-raced one with shorter odds attached.

#4 Big Pond

More typical to see runners geared up and forward spent off breaks but this one tightened up to +1 dirt spread after using more speed to win first couple at +6 and +7. Appears a good look for her trajectory here second off the break and rates a contender that can stalk and pounce today.

#5 Royal Spa

Prompting DTOPs and moving right along with improvement with each sprint while struggling to make distance when routing. She might be racing closer to her current ceiling than others in here are.

#6 Ice Dancing

With the 81/72h NPT prompted off a break, she now stands a great chance to push off that with a more relaxed and tighter spin leading to Final Figure uptick that makes her a certain threat today. Really wish Prat who was on board for her wins came back today, but we'll have to make due.

#7 Fast And Shiny

Good speed when back on dirt but that can be said for plenty in here and she's struggled to string races together lately for this.

#8 Bangs

No effort on the PLUN debut followed by an 80/70 (average for this field) and then another non-effort. Would need to run lights out for what we've seen out of her so far.

#9 Clearly Unhinged

Lots of gate speed being sustained throughout her foundation. Forgive the dud out of the strong 88/74h NPT and she's very much eligible to run back at full strength today. One of today's top threats.

#10 Satin Doll

Bit slower than these when setting juvenile foundation and currently lacks the gate speed to stay with them for much of this race. Hopes for a meltdown.

Race 10 Wagers

Could easily find myself with a flexible **Win** Bet on pick of the **4**, **6** or **9** if any end up somewhat lost on the board.

Exacta & Trifecta Box **4** **6** **9**

Back-up Trifecta Key 2 over 4,6,9

Race 11 | Turf | 8 Furlongs | \$65k MSW

#1 Speed Shopper

Drawing the rail not ideal for a debut turf runner. On the positive, the situation (Juvenile, debut, turf) is a strong enough win spot for this barn, she's worth a look on the track with some odds likely attached.

#2 Auratium

Signaling she might have this turf thing figured out now as she goes from negative turf spreads to a sudden TDL. Likely a must play spot.

#3 Gerwig

Doesn't seem cut out for kicking off of sprint-type fractions so today's longer spin could be a better spot.

#4 Blue Fashion

Big price based on low percentage barn in a big field with below average pedigree ratings.

#5 Visually

Tried blinkers last out and saw a big uptick in running style to the front. Typically when a first time equipment change triggers something noticeable, it becomes a serious angle going 2nd time. Should be prominent with a chance to outlast this group.

#6 Respect The Crown

Solid figure of 66h/72h rates her a chance to contend against these with a wide range of race flows. Has been well-supported though as a failed favorite last couple so don't be surprised if she's too short to bet today.

#7 Ima Joker

Slow starter lacking a notch compared to others off the 65h/70 but not so much this is an impossible spot if crazy odds are going to be offered. They'll experiment with blinkers today and get a weight break so perhaps not quite so far back this time around.

#8 Flight To Quality (FR)

61/71 debut offers the only double-digit turf spread of this group's runs. Clear contender here with an early affinity for the fundamentals of turf racing.

#9 Affair

NEG debut now goes straight to turf route. Respect connections but really would have preferred to see her put up a tighter spread on dirt before switching over to the grass. Seems likely to draw enough market support that I'll leave out.

#10 Sea Dancer

Another in here with contending running lines off a 66/71h and will be in the mix of some decisions to make depending on where the tote support gets scattered to.

#11 Americandreammaker

Breeders recently decided to race a couple as owners. This is one and the other is Clearly Unhinged with a great chance to win the La Brea Stakes. I see no reason this one shouldn't be well-intentioned to possibly close an owner's double.

Race 11 Wagers

Decisions to be made depending on what the public offers and where most value lies.

#8 to **Win** at 6/1+

#11 to **Win** at 10/1+

#2 to **Win** at 12/1+

#1 to **Win** at 25/1+

Trifecta Box **1** **2** **5** **8** **11**